

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

U.S. Army **Corps of Engineers** Chicago District

Public Notice/Application Number: 200000803 Comment Period Begins: October 3, 2005 Comment Period Expires: November 3, 2005

#### JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Applicant: Autohaus On Edens, Inc.

Attn: Michael Rosengarden 1550 Frontage Road

Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Proposed Action: Proposal to Discharge Materials into an additional 0.24 Acres of Wetland for Expansion of a Parking Lot at Autohaus on Edens Located Directly West of Frontage Road, Directly South of 150 Frontage Road in Glencoe, Cook County, Illinois (see attached drawings). Please note that on November 3, 2005, Edens Autohaus was issued a permit to fill 1.93 cres of wetland for expansion of the above-reference auto dealership. Approximately 2.90 acres of wetland credits were purchased at a Corps approved wetland mitigation bank. A detailed description of this proposal is provided on page 2 of this notice.

Location of Proposed Action: In Glencoe, Cook County, Illinois (Nw Section 13, Township 42n North, Range 12e East 3rd P.M.)(see Figure 1)

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for the activity described herein and as shown on the attached drawings. You are invited to provide your comments by November 3, 2005 on the proposed work, which will become part of the record and will be considered in the decision. A permit will be issued or denied under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1344). Written comments should be mailed to:

> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District, Regulatory Branch Attn: 200000803, Ms. Kathy G. Chernich 111 North Canal Street, 6th floor Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

## **Project Description**

The 0.25 acre wetland to be impacted is a portion of a wetland that is west of the existing building and part of a larger wetland system that extends on and off-site to the north. The wetland is dominated by buckthorn and gray dogwood with cattail as the dominant species to the north of the project.

The proposed impacts to the wetland would allow water to be collected in a storm sewer and conveyed to a proposed basin for settling before release to the cattail wetland. The same amount of flow would enter the remaining wetland since no changes would be made to increase flows. The basin would be naturalized to allow for sedimentation to occur and some filtration through vegetation (see figure 2). Mitigation for wetland impacts would occur at a Corps approved wetland mitigation bank.

**Regulatory Authority:** This proposed action will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

**Jurisdiction:** This application will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act due to the proposal to discharge materials into jurisdictional wetlands.

#### **Evaluation Factors**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, if the proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, the evaluation of the impact on the public interest will include application of Section 404(b)(1) guidelines (40 CFR 230) promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on the public interest factors listed above, as well as endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and general environmental effects. Comments will be used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. A determination concerning the need for a public hearing will also be based on the comments received.

## **Preliminary Evaluation of Selected Factors**

<u>Water Quality</u> - The applicant has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to

any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water Watershed Management Section 1021 N. Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of the written comments should be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

<u>Endangered and Threatened Species</u> - The Corps of Engineers has determined that the proposed activity would not affect any federally-listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat for any endangered or threatened species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Therefore, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act does not appear to be warranted at this time.

<u>Historic Properties/Cultural Resources</u> - Preliminary review indicates that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect any historic property which is listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Environmental Impact Statement** - A preliminary determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.

<u>Public Hearing</u> - Any person may request in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearing shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request for a hearing may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the permit application become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to obtain materials under FOIA or make an appointment to view the project file at the Chicago District Corps of Engineers Office of Counsel.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed activity must do so by in writing no later than **November 3, 2005**. It is presumed that all parties receiving this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply Corps of Engineers endorsement of the project as described.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Chernich of the Regulatory Branch by telephone at (312) 846-5531, or email at kathy.g.chernich@usace.army.mil. It should be noted that comments received via email can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. You can also visit our website at www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r for more information on our program.

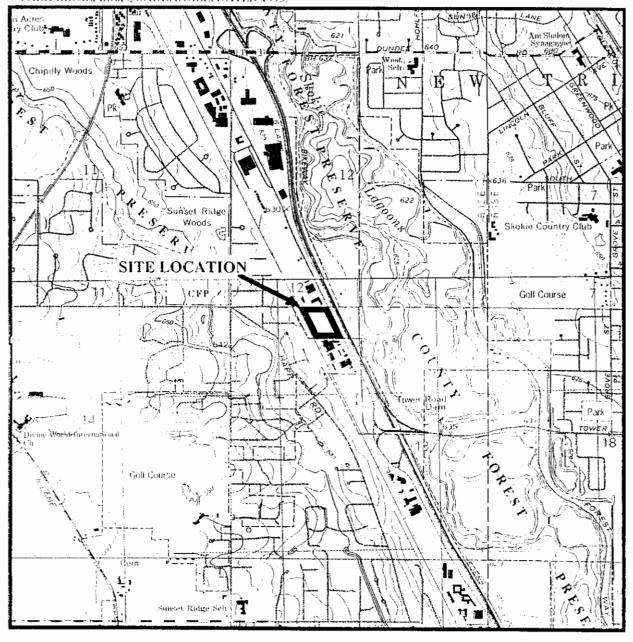
FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Leesa A. Beal Chief, East Section Regulatory Branch

## NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continuously posted until November 3, 2005.

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PROPOSED AUTOHAUS ON EDENS EXPANSION COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS REDWING

SITE LOCATION MAP

REDWING PROJECT: 99-034

FIGURE 1

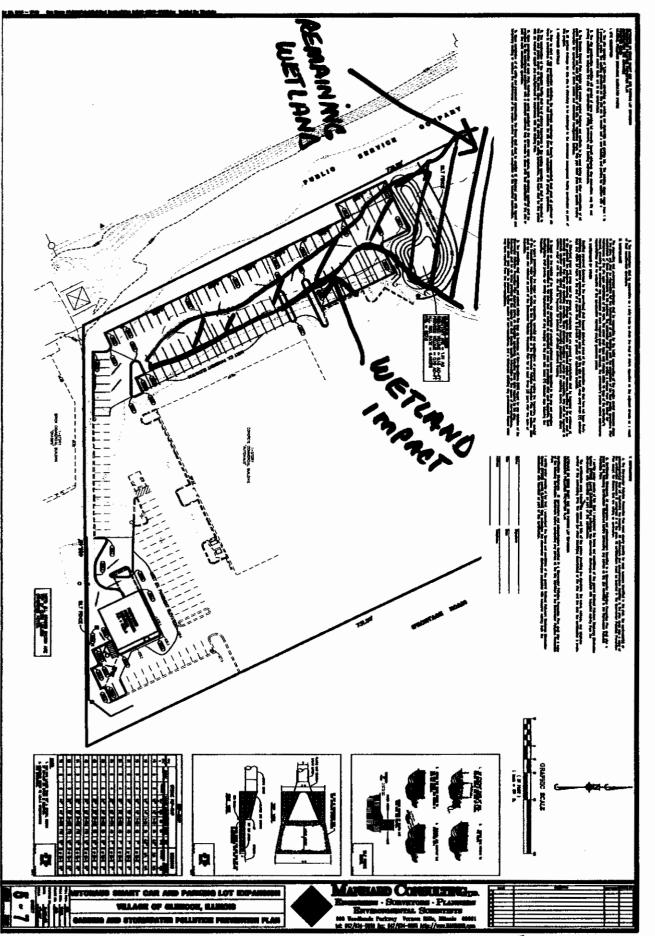


FIGURE 2